

December 19, 2007

City of Madison Urban Design Commission 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Madison, WI 53701-2985

Lot 1, Liberty Place RE:

Dear Urban Design Commission Members:

On behalf of the owner, D.W.B, LLC, I respectfully submitt the above project for Initial Approval from the U.D.C.

As you will recall, on November 22, 2007 we had the opportunity to meet with your committee to discuss this project in a preliminary tone. We have seriously considered all of your suggestions and comments, all of which have been implemented or addressed. Below is a response to all of the comments received from the Informal Review of that date:

Too many units on the site.

This is a price point consideration. The lot needs 22 units to be financially viable. On further review, implementing other suggestions we received from U.D.C. reoriented the buildings to appear less crowded and opened up green space. This is the approach we took to resolve this issue.

Look at more direct geometry to locate units on site with common open space in more of an urban fashion

Straightening out the alley, as suggested, and orienting the buildings to the alley instead of the neighborhood allowed for more greenspace and more of a community feeling.

Discrepancies between unit type and locations on plans needs to be resolved Addressed

Make a commitment that driveways are a place to be parked on or not...

In resolving the curvy alley, we were able to make the driveway aprons more uniform. All driveways have some depth to them to aid in additional room to back out of garage, a place to put roll-out garbage cans without impeding on the alley and a buffer between the alley and the buildings. Where the opportunity was present, we allowed for enough parking room for a car.

Provide context on existing and proposed adjacent development.

See the attached materials



Deal with relationship of houses to the street more effectively.

See enclosed site plan and previous responses. Walks have been added, buildings have been re-oriented slightly.

Relocate rain garden to alternate area to be enjoyed by others collectively. See enclosed site plan. Two rain gardens are provided with public access

Resolve view of garages from interior drive.

Plane variation has been added to one of the designs, while side garage entries to a second design, helping to disguise the garages. The size of the garages and layout as it relates to the alley is in character with the single family homes in this neighborhood.

Provide more greenspace between the southerly tier of units

Re-spacing the units has opened up greenspace in the middle of the southerly units. In addition, these units share the most greenspace through a 40' setback from Sigglekow Road. In this revised site plan there is a total of 30,300 square feet of greenspace located in three areas of the site. This is nearly three times the "open space" required by the City of Madison,

Turn buildings 90 degrees to create parking courts and create small private greenspace between buildings, along with associating them with entries and make usable for adjacent units

We studied this approach in the our initial site planning stage, as well as since the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and found that we consumed too much greenspace creating the necessary space to back a car out of the garage. This site lacks the length to successfully implement this orientation while meeting the number of units required for financial viability.

Look at integrating entries as main architectural element on garage side elevations. Elevations for the garage side entries have been enhanced. See elevations.

Too many buildings and problem with the way they are spread out; provide an additional rain garden Addressed in prior responses.

Make front door porches more usable with greater depth with a showy front door Porches on the road side of units have become deeper, while sliding doors have a grill added. Elevations on the alley side have been enhanced.

Limit garage doors with consideration for concentrating garage parking to one portion of the site. In testing this idea we found this arrangement created more impervious surface and lessened greenspace. Single car garages are out of context with the adjacent neighborhood and the relative size of the residential units. They do not meet the market demand in this area.

Make landscape plan planting list more legible as well as the overall plan.

We have included 11 x 17 plans instead of the 8 ½ x 11 plans we prepared for the Informational Meeting.



### Below is updated overview of this project:

Proposed is a community of 11 duplex buildings, 22 townhouse and ranch-style residential units. All units include a full basement. The combination of units and sizes are as follows:

- Four ranch-style buildings: 3008 square feet each; 8 residential units of 1,034 s.f. per unit w/470 s.f. 2-car garages. Each unit contains two bedrooms and two full baths.
- Seven townhouse buildings: Two building designs: 3,947 s.f. and 3,646 s.f. each; 14 units of 1523 s.f. & 1,391 s.f. respectively. All have two car garages ranging from 430 s.f. to 471 s.f., three bedroom, two-and-one-half baths.
- All units are designed with full, unfinished basements. Basements will be built with exposure on one side (four units) or window wells.

The duplex buildings are arranged on a private street running virtually east to west through the development. Access to the private drive is from two entrances: Unity Way and Kirkwood Circle. Much like the adjoining Liberty Place neighborhood, all driveways and two car garages will be accessed from this private street leaving a streetscape of only the residential portion of each unit. Snow removal and trash removal will be contracted with professional service companies and paid for by the Landlord. Trash collections will consist of roll-out carts for driveway to driveway removal. Mailboxes will also be provided at the end of each driveway, or as permitted by the United States Postal Service. City services will be used for all primary utilities.

There is sufficient lighting on the streets bordering this site. In addition, each building will have garage coach lights and porch lights.

The buildings will be architecturally pleasing from the public street side as well as the private street side, leaving one with the impression that they are never looking at the backside of an apartment unit. Located at the entrance of the Liberty Place neighborhood, the buildings reflect the quality and character of a single family home.

In summary, the project will consist of the general criteria listed below:

#### **Project Data:**

Project Name: Liberty Place Duplexes

Address: Lot 1, Liberty Place (a private street yet to be named)

106,425 s.f., 2.443 acres Lot size:

Proposed Use: 11 duplex buildings, 22 residential units (ranch style & townhouse)

Total Building Area: 38,156 s.f. Residential area: 28,274 s.f.

Garage area: 9.882 s.f. Basements: Yes Off street parking: 10 spaces

Parking Required:  $8 \times 1.75 (2 \text{ bedroom}) = 14$ 

 $14 \times 2 (3 \text{ bedroom}) = 28$ 

= 42 spacesTotal



Parking Provided: 44 garage spaces + 10 unrestricted surface parking = 54 spaces

30,300 s.f. (required:  $500 \text{ s.f.} \times 22 \text{ units} = 11,000 \text{ s.f.}$ ) Open space:

**Project Design Team:** 

The key individuals and firms involved in this planning and design process include:

Owner: Civil Engineer:

D.W.B., LLC Roxanne Johnson, PE

c/o David Bisbee Professional Engineering, LLC

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**Building General Contractor:** Landscape Architect:

Gil-Her Construction Lisa J Geer 3469 Capitol Dr. LJGeer Design Sun Prairie, WI 53590 PO Box 14608 Madison, WI 53708

Architect: Steve Shulfer, AIA Shulfer Architects, LLC 1918 Parmenter St., Suite 2 Middleton, WI 53562

I hope that you find this development proposal acceptable and invite you to contact our office should you have any further questions.

Respectfully,

Steve Shulfer, AIA. Shulfer Architects, LLC

Attachments:

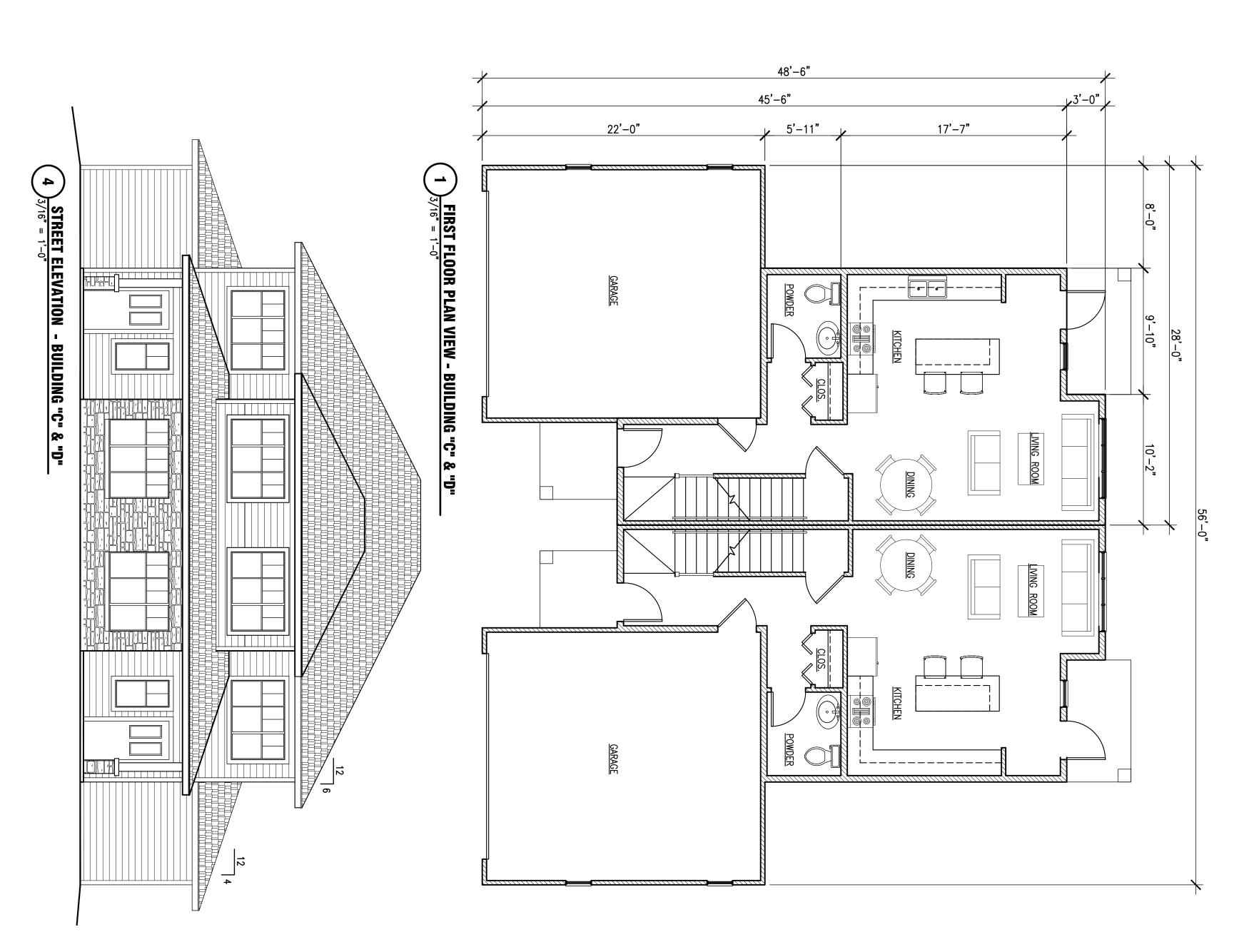
12 copies of 11 x 17 site plan, landscape plan, floor plans & elevations Site context material



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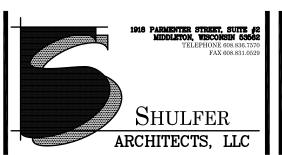
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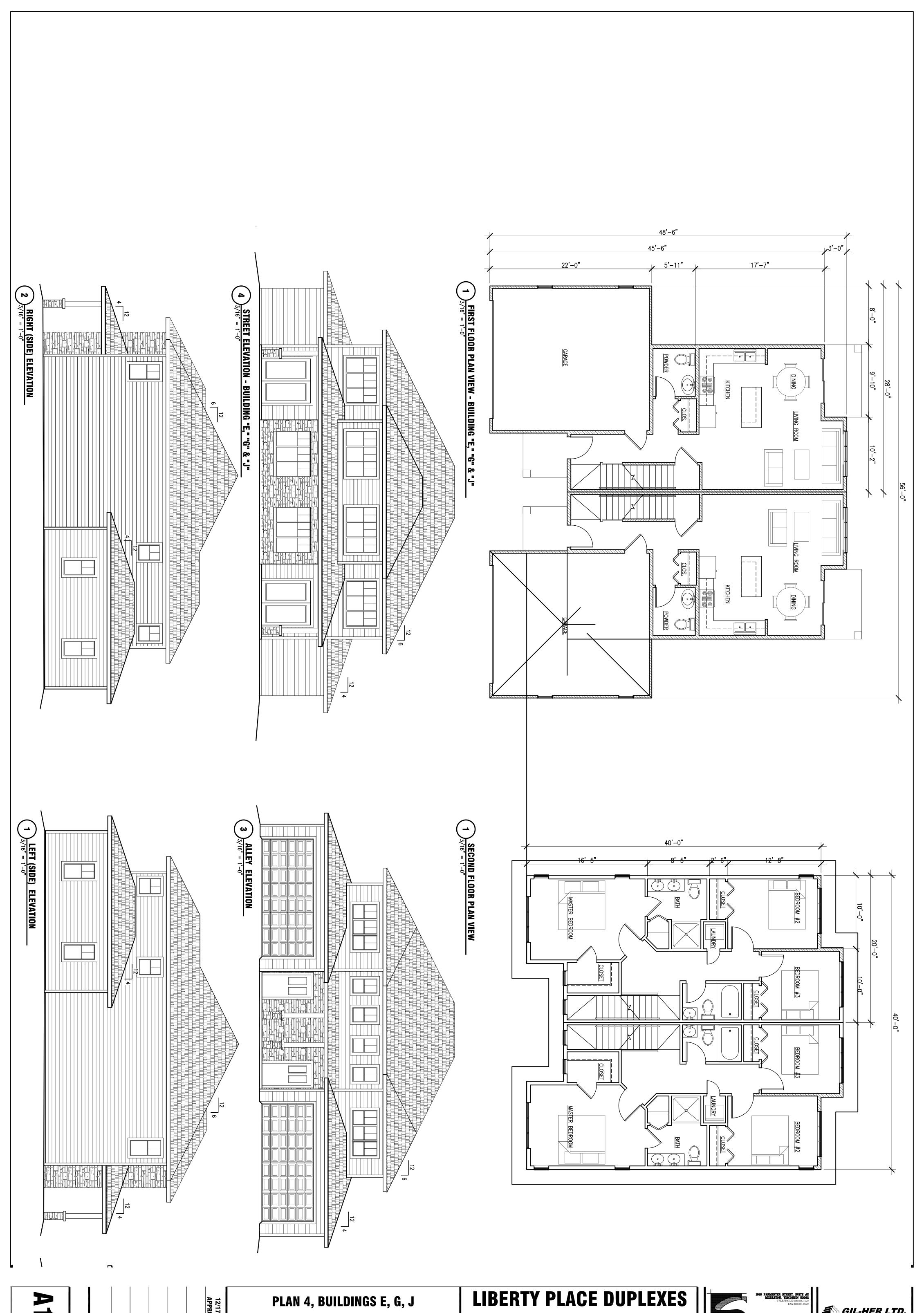


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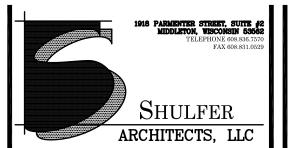
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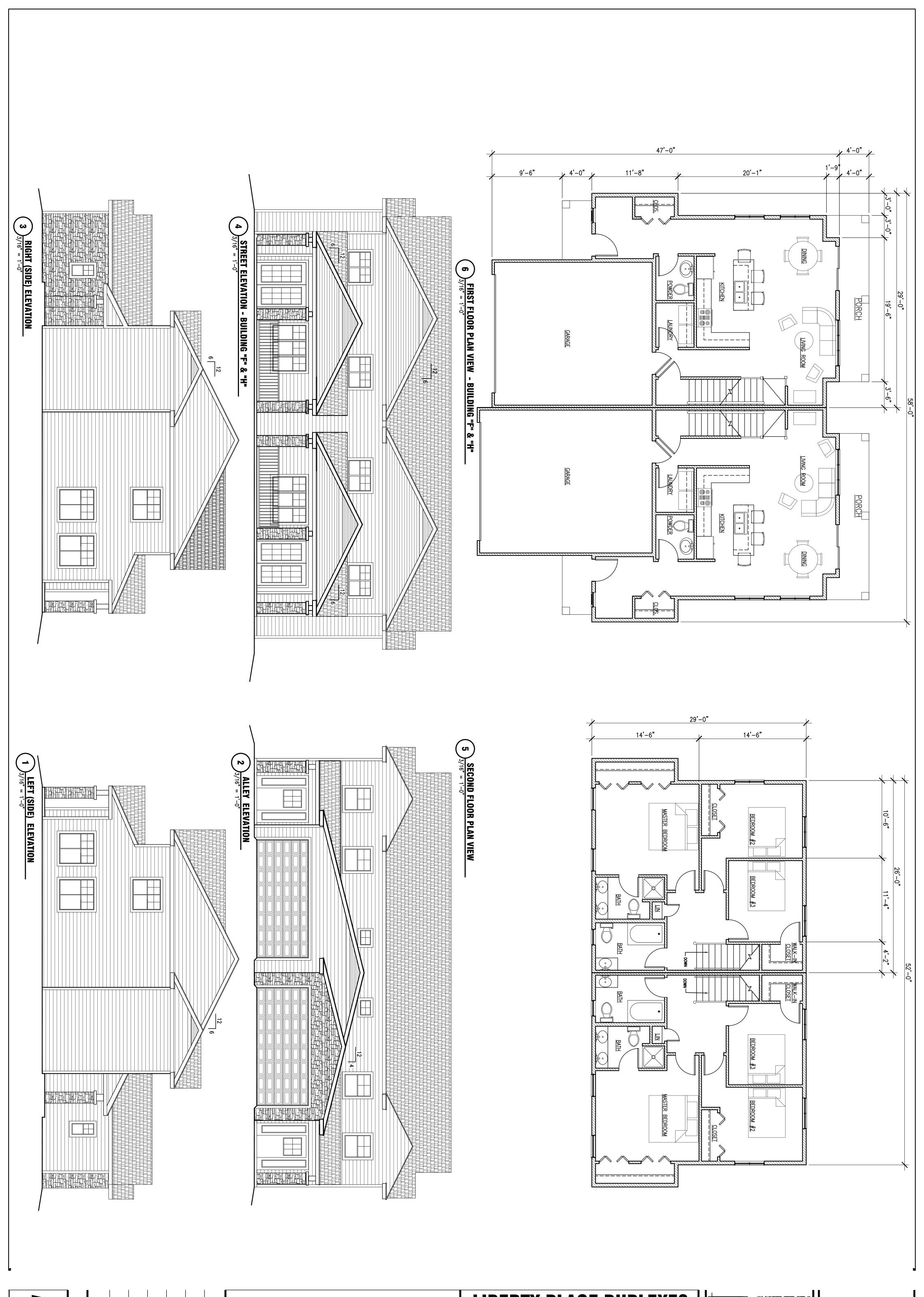
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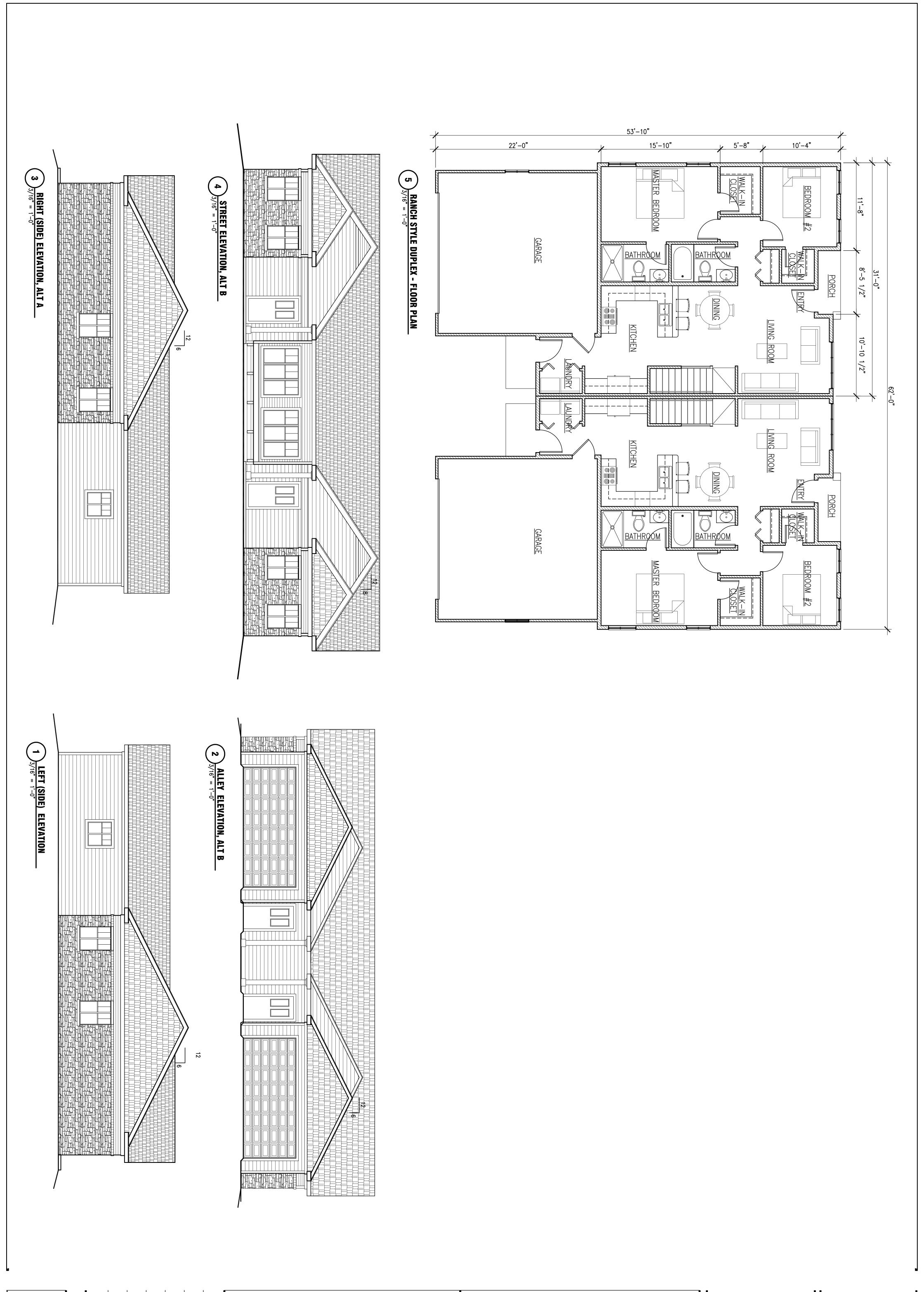
















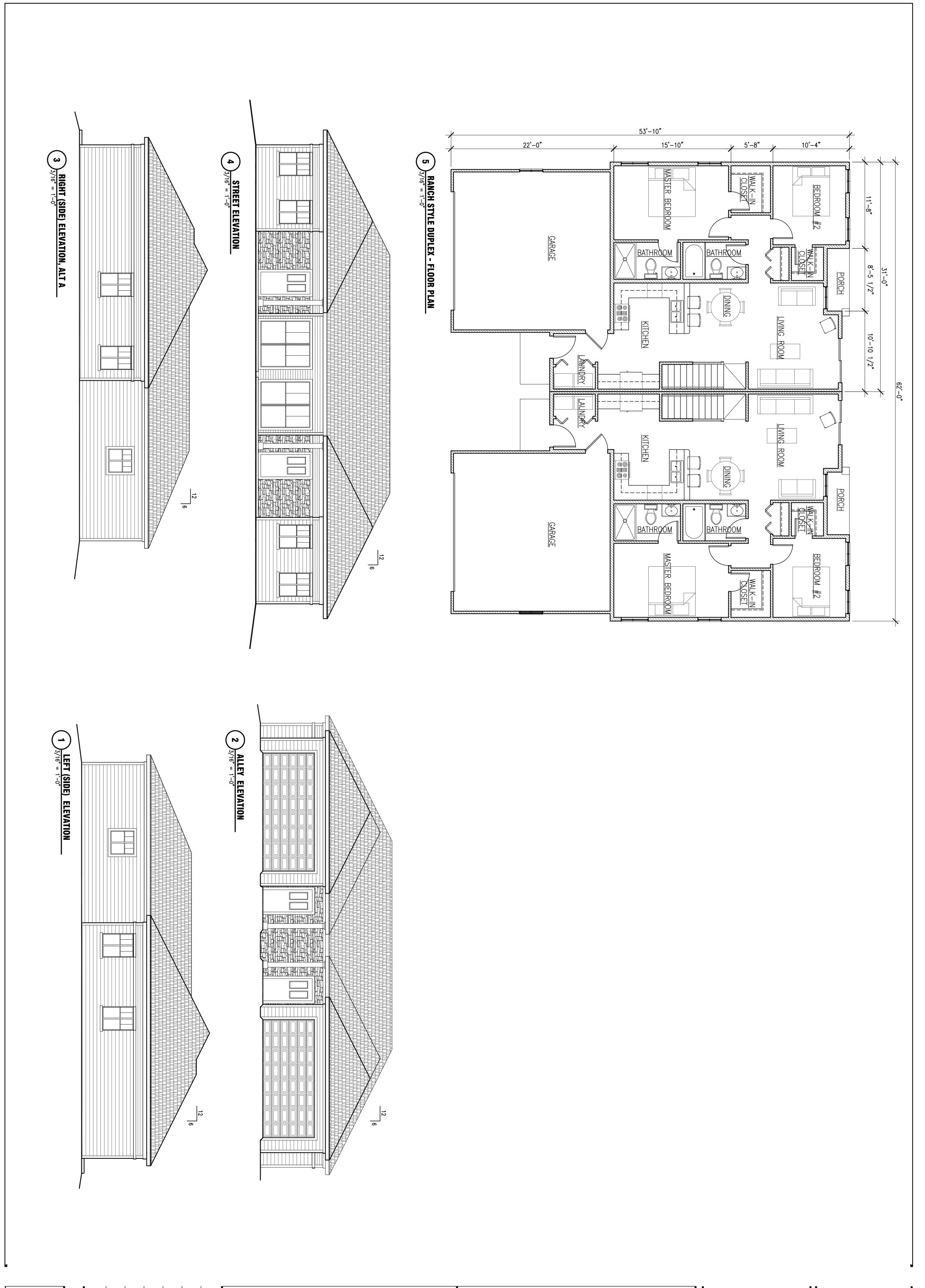


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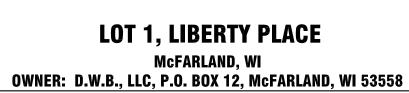






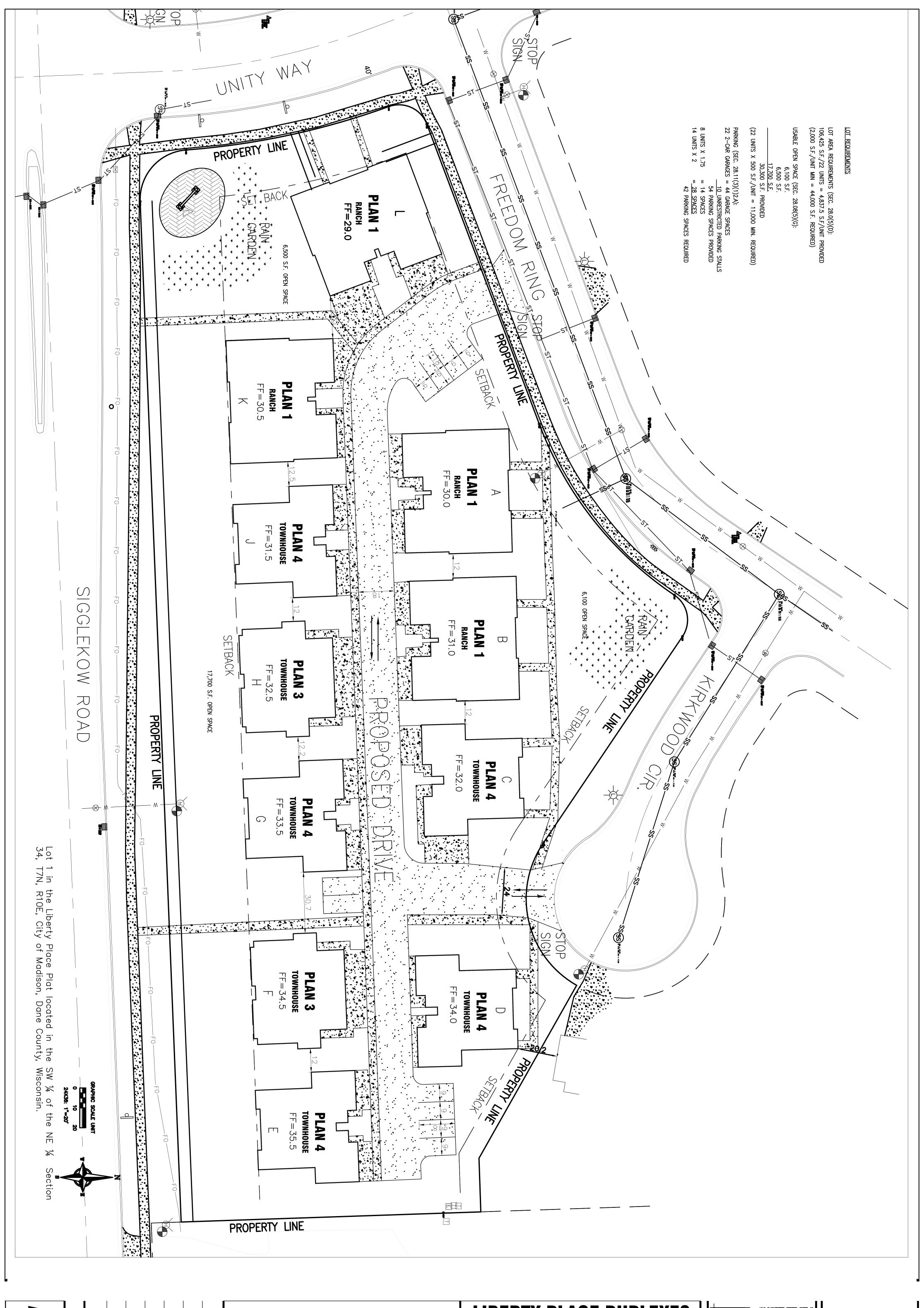












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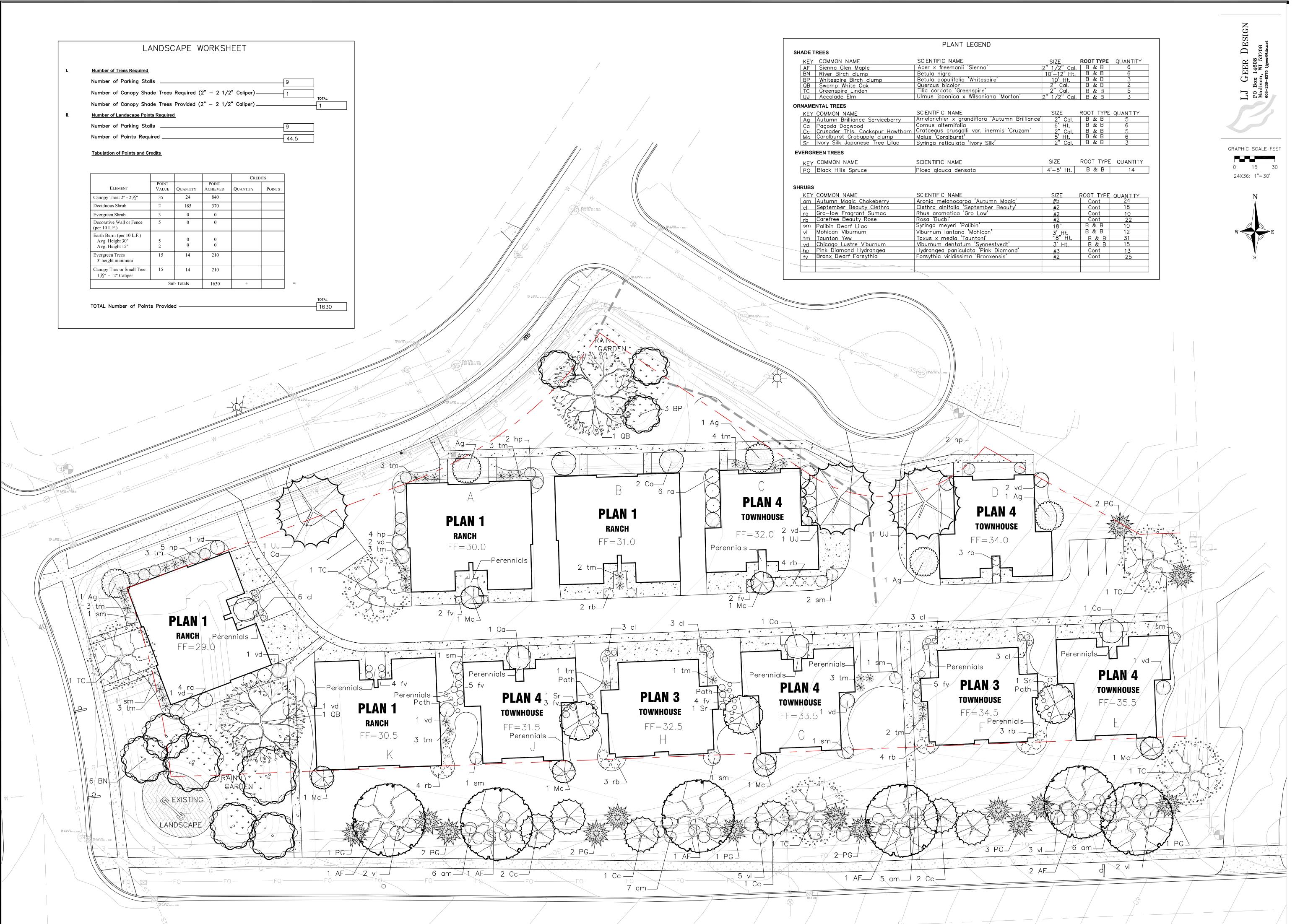


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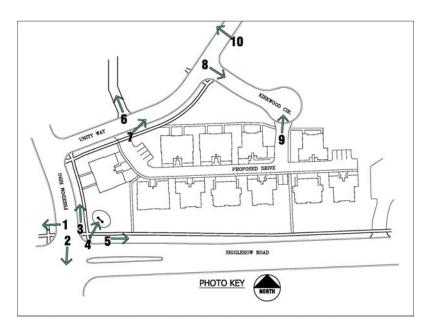
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### Liberty Place: Context Material



Picture #1 Looking West on the corner of Sigglekow Rd. & Freedom Ring





Picture #2 Looking Southwest on the corner of Sigglekow Rd. & Freedom Ring



Picture #3 Looking North on corner of Sigglekow & Freedom Ring



Picture #4 Looking at Neighborhood sign, Southwest corner of site



Picture #5 Looking East; the complete Southern side of site down Sigglekow Rd.



Picture #6 Looking into alley of single family homes off of Unity Way



Picture #7 Looking down Unity Way, Single family houses



Picture #8 Looking down Kirkwood Ct. from corner of Unity Way & Kirkwood Ct.



Picture #9 Standing in proposed driveway of site looking North, Kirkwood Ct.



Picture #10 Density of houses on Unity